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Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims shall replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in the subject application.

Listing of the Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A bag for containing a bicycle wheel and attaching to a bicycle:
 ~~an~~ a substantially round enclosure sized to substantially contain a bicycle wheel, the enclosure having at least first and second opposing faces;
 a first connector attached to the enclosure on or proximate the first face at a first location;
 a second connector attached to the enclosure on or proximate the first face at a second location; and
 a third connector attached to the enclosure on or proximate the first face at a third location, each location forming a corner of a hypothetical triangle and each connector being adapted to securely attach with a portion of the bicycle.
2. The bag of claim 1, further comprising a handle, the handle being adapted to permit a person to carry the bag when the bag is not attached to the bicycle.
3. The bag of claim 1, wherein the first connector comprises at least one strap coupled at one end to the bag at the first location and corresponding surfaces of hook and loop material, wherein the strap is adapted to at least partially wrap around a portion of the bicycle and wherein the corresponding hook and loop material surfaces are joined to secure the bag to the bicycle at the first location.
4. The bag of claim 1, wherein the first connector comprises at least one strap coupled at one end to the bag at the first location and a corresponding buckle, wherein the strap is adapted

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to (i) at least partially wrap around a portion of the bicycle and (ii) secure the bag to the bicycle at the first location by way of the buckle.

5. (Once Amended) The bag of claim 1, ~~wherein enclosure further includes~~ including one or more of loops and rings attached to the enclosure and a shoulder strap coupled to the one or more of the loops and rings.
6. The bag of claim 1, wherein the enclosure is comprised at least partially of a flexible material.
7. The bag of claim 6 wherein the flexible material is a fabric
8. The bag of claim 7, wherein the fabric is elastic.
9. The bag of claim 7, wherein the fabric comprises spandex.
10. The bag of claim 1, wherein the enclosure is conformal about the bicycle wheel when the bicycle wheel is contained therein.
11. The bag of claim 1, wherein the enclosure comprises a shell substantially comprised of one or both of rigid and semi-rigid plastic sheeting.
12. The bag of claim 1, wherein at least one of the first and second faces includes a zipper located proximate at least a portion of a periphery of the respective face.
13. (canceled)
14. The bag of claim 6, wherein at least one of the first and second faces is reinforced with one of a rigid and semi-rigid plastic sheet material proximate the center of the respective face.

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15. The bag of claim 6, wherein the flexible material comprises at least one of neoprene, nylon fabric, spandex and vinyl.
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27. (canceled)
28. (New) A combination comprising:
a bicycle, the bicycle including a frame, a front fork pivotally connected to the frame, and a rear wheel;

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a bicycle rack adapted for mounting to an automotive vehicle, the bicycle being secured to the bicycle rack;
a front wheel of the bicycle removed from the front fork; and
an enclosure substantially containing the front wheel therein, the enclosure being secured to the bicycle at two or more locations.

29. (New) The combination of claim 28, wherein the enclosure is secured to the frame.

30. (New) The combination of claim 28, wherein the bicycle is at least partially secured to the bicycle rack at the front fork.

31. (New) The combination of claim 28, wherein the enclosure comprises a hard-shell container.

32. (New) The combination of claim 28, wherein the two or more locations comprise at three locations.

33. (New) The combination of claim 28, wherein the enclosure comprises a fabric bag.

34. (New) A bag for attaching to a bicycle:

an enclosure sized to substantially contain a front wheel of the bicycle that has been removed from the bicycle, the enclosure having opposing first and second faces;

a first connector attached to the enclosure on or proximate the first face at a first location;

a second connector attached to the enclosure on or proximate the first face at a second location; and

a third connector attached to the enclosure on or proximate the first face at a third location, each location forming a corner of a hypothetical triangle and each connector being adapted to securely attach with a portion of the bicycle.

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35. (New) The bag of claim 34, wherein the first, second and third connectors are attached to the enclosure on the first face at respective first, second and third locations.
36. (New) The bag of claim 34, wherein the first connector comprises at least one strap coupled at one end to the bag at the first location and corresponding surfaces of hook and loop material, wherein the strap is adapted to at least partially wrap around a portion of the bicycle and wherein the corresponding hook and loop material surfaces are joined to secure the bag to the bicycle at the first location.
37. (New) The bag of claim 34, wherein the first connector comprises at least one strap coupled at one end to the bag at the first location and a corresponding buckle, wherein the strap is adapted to (i) at least partially wrap around a portion of the bicycle and (ii) secure the bag to the bicycle at the first location by way of the buckle.
38. (New) The bag of claim 34, wherein the enclosure is conformal about the bicycle wheel when the bicycle wheel is contained therein.
39. (New) The bag of claim 34, wherein the first and second faces are primarily flexible except at locations proximate the center of each face wherein a rigid or semi-rigid sheet material is secured to the respective first or second face.
40. (New) The bag of claim 34, wherein the enclosure is comprised of an elastic fabric material.